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CLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 226, K. OF P., meets every Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock, Century building, Ninth and Olive streets, east hall, Tuesday evening, December Z, business, Good time. All members requested to attend. Visitors welcome.

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DAMON LODGE, NO. 28, K. OF P. MENTS every Wedreaday evening at Odd Fellows Hall, No. 3, seventh floor, Ninth and Olive streets. Work in rank of Esquire. Visitors invited, member is rank of Esquire. Visitors in CHAS, L. HOLITZMANN, C. C. Attest: H. R. Bermei, K. of R. & S., No. 3743 Evans avenue,

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H., meets second and fourth Fridays at
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are invited to all our meetings.
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PACIFIC LODGE, NO. 304, K. OF P., meets every Wednesday evening, Century building, Ninth and Olive streets. Decomber 31, business meeting, Members are expected to be present. Visitors welcome.

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PREMIER LODGE, NO. 249 K. OF P.—
Regular meeting every first and taird
Monday evening in the month at hall No. 2.
Odd Pellows' Building, Next meeting Monday, January 4, 1964, Installation of officers,
Members are requested to be present, Visitors
are cordially invited, BENJ, P. LINDAS, C. C.
J. F. Witte, Jr., K. of R. & S.

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R OYAL LODGE, NO. 228, K. OF P., meets every Friday evening, Hall No. 2 Odd Fellow's building, southeast corner Ninth and Olive streets. Work in rank of Knight, C. S. Green, K. of R. & S. 5 T. LOUIS LODGE, NO. 12 KNIGHTS OF Honor, meets second and fourth Fri-day, Bowman's Hall, northeast corner Eleventh and Locust streets.

nd Locust streets.

J. B. BRADFORD, Dictator,
214 Missouri Trust building.
P. S. Drown, Reporter, 110 North Fourth st. WABASH LODGE, NO 248, K. OF P. will meet Tuesday, December 22, at Castle Hall, Broadway and Benton, Visitors cordially invited. JNO. F. RINYRO, C. C. F. H. Sachleben, K. of R. & S.

W ASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 128, K. OF P., Century building, Ninth and Olive arrosts. Installation of officers Friday, January S. A. J. TILDEN, C. C. Jos. P. Dummich, K. of R. & S., 231 St. Vincent avenue. Z ULEMA LODGE, NO. 21 K. OF P. meets Monday evening, Dec. 28, 1903, in regular convention, in nail No. 1, tenth floor Century building at 5 o'clock. Members expected and visitors coordaily invited to attend.

Attest; O. M. Brooks, K. of R. & S.

P. O. Box 1082.

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FEL-LOWS.

NCHOR LODGE, NO. 32. I. O. O. F., mests every Monday evening at Schuette's Mark. Nineteenth and Wright streets. Work in the degrees. Visiting brothers welcome. David Petty, Secretary.

M ECHANICS' LODGE, NO. 413, I. O. O. F., meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at Frank P. Blair Post, G. A. R., Hall, 108 Market street. Visiting Brethren cordially invited to attend. Work in the degrees every meeting. MILDEY LODGE, NO. 2, L. O. O. F., meets Tuesday evening of each week at him No. 1, Odd Fellows' building, corner Ninth and Olive, at 3 o'clock, Visiting brothers invited to attend. Initiation.

4. J. Dalrymple, Secretary.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

BENTON COUNCIL, NO. 183. R. A., MEETS on second and fourth Fridays of each mouth in hall No. 1. Odd Fridays building. Ninth and Olive streets. Visitors always heartily welcome. M. R. WINDHORS', Regent. H. J. Braun, Secretary. 2518 Morgan street. ELIX COUNCIL, NO. 1710. ROYAL AR. canum, meets every first and third Friday at West Gate Hall, Grand and Easton avenues. Haymaker degree will be conferred on October 16.

J. H. W. Bockatette, Secretary. GRAND COUNCIL MISSOURI, ROYAL Arcanum, 203-21 Holland Building—A sordist welcome to visitore, friends, brethren and members from abroad.

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RWIN LODGE, NO. 121, A. F. & A. M.—
Special meeting Priday, December 18,
190, at 7:29 p. m., Grand Avenue Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues. Installation of
officers. Members requested and visitors fraternally invited to attend.
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GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 9.
A. F. & A. M., will hold its next stated communication at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, January 1, 1991, at Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues. Work in the M. M. degree. Members are requested to attend, Visiting brethren are always welcome.

Henry Lihou, Secretary.

KILWINNING R. A. CHAPTER, NO. 90, 11 No. 10 No

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. DE SMET COUNCIL, NO. 76. KNIGHT of Columbus, meets every first and thir foursday in the west hall, century building Ninth and Olive sta. Visiting knights are in vited. C. P. MONAGHAN, Grand Knight. M. J. McGrane, Recorder.

K ENRICK COUNCIL, NO. 686, KNIGHTS of Columbus, meets every second and fourth Wednesday at Roce Hill Hall, No. 5907 Maple avenue. Visiting knights always wel-come. JOHN FAUL CHEW, Grand Knight. Walter T. Couningham, Recorder.

ARQUETTE COUNCIL, NO. 408, Knights of Columbus, meets every second and fourth Tuesday in the west hall, Century building, Ninth and Olive streets. Visiting knight. cordially invited.

W. L. MEE, Grand Knight.

F. P. Leonard, Recorder. 5 T. LOUIS COUNCIL, NO. 483, MEETS EV ery first and third Tuesday at West En-itall, southwest corner Finney and Vandevente avenues. Visiting knights are cordially in FRANCIS B. RUNDER, Grand Knight, Joseph F. Lamy, Recorder.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD. OUNT AUBURN CAMP, NO. 349, WOOD-men of the World, meets first and third North Market street. Visitors are invited and members expected to be present. R. M. BACON, C. C. C. W. Tacke, Clerk, 1805 Arlington ave.

RIVER NEWS.

Rise and Fall of the Rivers. Paul Louis

River Forecast.

River and Business. gauges yesterday marked 2.5 feet a rise of .2 of a foot in 24 hours. lly no business was transacted along

To-Day's Weather.

-W. M. Ferris and wife of Boston, Mass., and F. C. Bell and wife of Chicago, relatives of Captain William Lerhe, president of the Engle Packet Company, will spend Christmas with the Captain at his home in Alton. -Captain Burd Burton, master of the Cher-ter, will spend Christmas at Higginsville, Mo. William Crosier, chief clerk of the packet, will go to Evansville.

one of the pilots of the steamer Natchez, ply-ing out of New Orleans,

-If the river continues to rise the Engle Packet Company may send a boat out to Com-merce next week. -Captain J. S. Smith and Mrs. Smith will spend Christmas with their relatives on their farm in Vermillion County, Illinois.

By Telegraph.
REPUBLIC SPECIALS.

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Paducah, Ky., Dec. 24.—The gauge reads tonight 6 feet, and rising. Heavy rainfail last night and to-day, making over 1½ inch in 24 hours. Indications are that everything will be on the move here by Monday. The Tennesson is due to-night from the Tennesses River. The mission boat Mexiddo is here. The Dick Fowler expects to wheel into line Monday, Local packets in and out on time. Captains Somers and Arthur Peck bought the Henrietta for \$1,500 cash, and will make a towboat of her. Business dull on the wharves.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 24.—Gauge reads 9.1 feet, of her. Business duli on the wharves.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 24.—Gauge reads 9.1 feet, showing a rise of 1.9 feet during the last 24 hours. Weather rainy and colder. The Jacob Heatherington departed for the Upper Ohio at 9 s. m. with barge of lumber. The Jee Line steamers will resume active service in the Cairo-Memphis trade at once. The Georgia Lee will arrive Sunday.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 24.—The gauge shows 1 foot, a fall of .4. The Natchez passed to the Upper Bends. The Belie of the Bends is due out. The Eik cleared. The Senator Cordill and the American are due in. Weather clear and warm.

Warsaw, Ill., Dec. 24.—Gauge reads 5.1 feet, clear and warm.

Warsaw, Ill., Dec. 24.—Gauge reads 5.1 feet, a fail of 4 in last 24 hours. Cloudy and warmer. The ice bridge is very rotten, making crossing disagreeable and unsafe.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The river stands 1.3 feet, a rise of 3 in 24 hours. The James Lee departed at 5 p. m. for Friar's Point. The Georgia Lee will arrive to-might and depart to-morrow evening for Cairo.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—River falling; 42 in canal; 2.1 on fails; .7 below locks. Raining. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—River 6.8 feet; sta-lonary at Davis Island dam. Cloudy and cool. Wheeling W Va., Dec. 24—River 8 feet 1 inch: falling. Weather cloudy and mild. The twenty-rive-mile gorge at Gardis broke this morning, leaving the river clear its entire length. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—River 19.8 feet; ris-ing. Navigation still suspended. Cloudy and rool.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 24.—River 5.2 feet; ris-ing. Cooler, with rain. Burlington Ia. Dec. 34.—The river is 3 feet \$15 inches above low-water mark, a fall of 1 inch since last report. Weather clear and warm. LIVE-STOCK MARKET. Native Cattle Higher-Beef Steers Strong-Hogs Close Easy. NATIVE CATTLE-Beef Steers-With the

light supply of cattle received in the native division Thursday, receipts for the four days otal but 4,600, against 9,300 last week, though around 1,000 larger than the corresponding pe-riod of last year. There were very few beeves offered. Around 7 loads were the extent of the riod of last year. There were very few beeves offered. Around 7 loads were the extent of the supply, 3 of them being on the common to fair order, at \$1.789.25, while about 4 loads of a very decent class of 1.256 has sold at \$4.55. Buyers needed a few cuttle and sales were a shade higher.

The week's trade has been on a very good basis. Holidays coming at the latter part of the week curtailed supplies to a bit extent, and as the demand has called for a fair number of cattle each day, with supplies being light enough, buyers have had to move around somewhat to fill their orders. Consequently prices have advanced sharply. There have been hardly any representation of good grades this week, the main portion of the supply being common to medium classes. What few of the better grades offered showed the big end of the advance, and sellers say that had there been any strictly good ones available they would have shared in the advance. Prices, compared with last week's close, show an advance of 40c on the better grades, while practically everything that sold above 14 the latter part of the week, those good enough to come outside of Texas competition, advanced \$50 to 40c. Commoner grade, meeting with competition from Texas, advanced but 1525c.

Following is a list of quotations, based on sales during the week;

SHIPPING AND EXPORT STEERS.

BUTCHER CATTLE—There enough cattle in this departme market. The few pareed con

mmon grades of butchers and canners. The ade even on the good dressed beef cows of-red was slow and values hardly as good as ednesday. Canners and cutters sold steady of the steady.

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Owing to the light supply of cattle during the week the market has been on a more active and healthy basis. The demand from local butchers was brisk for the better grades of heifers, in fact, anything that showed flesh enough to reach 13 and over. With this competition resulting an advance of 25c was gecured. Even the grades that showed just fair flesh sold more actively though no higher, owing to a scarcity of the better grades, Good to choice cows are around 25c higher. Medium to good cows, 15625c stronger, with canners and cutters strong to 19c higher. There is practically no change in values either in bulls or veal calves.

Sales of butcher cattle during the week were based on the following quotations:

COWS AND HEIFERS Fancy corn-fed heifers, 7009/75 lbs.
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Best corn-fed heavy cows.
Good fat cows.
Medium fat cows.
Cutters Good fat bulls.

Sausage bulls

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. 3.25@3.75 VEALS AND HERETICS. Heavy fat veals, 200 lbs. and under. 4.00µ5.50
Good heretics 2.00µ4.20
Thin heretics 2.00µ4.20
Heavy killing calves 2.50µ3.50
SOUTHERN CATTLE—Quarantine supplies
were very light, the final count showing but
it cars that contained 506 head. List Thursday
57 cars and 2.666 head were received and two
weeks ago 55 cars and 2.171 head. There was
practically no representation of steers. A few
odd buils were on sale, while the balance of
the supply was cows and calves, principally
the latter. The cow trade was active and
strong. Calves that were of good fieth sold at
strong prices, but common half-fred kinds sold
slowly and no better than previous days this
week.

supply being small.

A very small supply of hogs arrived, there being only around 2,500 head on sale, not even a good moderate supply for Saturday. The supply supply for Saturday of the supply for Saturday of the supply supply for Saturday. The supply su

By Telegraph.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts 4,000; market steady; export and dressed-beef steers 14.1094.55; fair to good 33.5094.05; Western fed steers 33.25094.15; stockers and feeders 52.5094; Southern cows 31.5094; Southern steers 23.25094.05; Martive cows 31.5094; Southern steers 23.25094; Southern cows 31.5094; Southern steers 21.5094; Southern cows 31.5094; Southern steers 32.5094; Southern cows 31.5094; St.5094; Dilly Cosed wask; top 44.55; bulk of sales 34.45; 51.56; Packers 44.42; 41.55; bulk of sales 34.45; 51.56; packers 44.42; 41.55; bulk of sales 34.45; 51.56; packers 44.42; 51.50; Western lambs 41.5595; fed ewes 27.7621.50; Western fed yearlings 32.5094; stockers and feeders 32.50.50; St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts 3.5094.70; cows and helfers 11.5597.75; stockers and feeders 22.0092.10; Hogs—Receipts 2.009; steady to 5c higher; top 4.00; bulk 34.698.460. Sheep none.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts 3.000. Marers \$2.40%2.10. Hogs—Receipts 2.00; steady to be higher; top \$4.00; bulk \$4.0024.00. Sheep none.
Chicago, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts \$.000. Market lower. Good to prime steers \$565.75; poor to medium \$1.7565; stockers and feeders \$1.756 4; cows \$1.5694; heifers \$204.75; canners \$1.509 2.40; bulls \$207.45; calves \$206.25. Hogs—Receipts \$2.000, to-morrow \$1.000. Market steady mixed butchers \$4.4064.0; good to choice heavy \$4.5594.55; rough, heavy \$1.5564.50; light \$4.000, to-morrow \$1.500. Market steady by \$4.55; bulk of sales \$4.0004.55. Sheep—Steady by \$4.55; bulk of \$4.55; b

The body of Colonel John H. Overall of No. 4516 Maryland avenue, whose death occurred at Jefferson Hospital, Philacel-Best native beef steers, strictly fancy, 5.40g5.60 (holice export steers, 1300g1.60 (hs. 5.1895.35 (God shipping and export steers, 1200g (1.60 (hs. 5.1895.35 (Holice export steers, 1200g) (1.60 (hs. 5.1895.35 (Holice export steers, 1200g) (Holic

HAPPENINGS IN ILLINOIS CITIES AND TOWNS:

BOARD RESCINDS VACCINATION BAN.

All Children May Attend Belleville Public Schools After the Christmas Holidays.

An order was issued in Belleville yesterday by the School Board that after January 4, the close of the hollday season all children will be admitted to the Belleville public schools whether they are vacclnated or not.

a communication received from the County Physician, which stated that all danty Physician, which stated that all danger from disease had passed and there were no longer reasons for stringent rules regarding vaccination.

When the rule adopting compulsory vaccination was made several weeks ago threats were made by the School Board to prosecute parents of children who did not send them to school.

Children who were not vaccinated were not admitted to the schools, and it was thought that by this means all of the Belleville school children would be vaccinated.

cinated.

There are only a few hundred children who are not vaccinated. The School Board did not carry out its threat to prosecute.

Elaborate Programme. The Belleville High School Literary So clety gave its Christmas entertainment in the Central School Hall yesterday afternoon. The programme was as follows:

Song, "Deck the Hail," by the school; recitation, "The Duel," Alma Fucha; German recitation, "Das Maedchen aus der Fremde, Clarvnee Wagner; recitation, "Just Before Christimas," Albert Estaman: recitation, "The Greek Bard's Song," Sherman Stiehl; German recitation, "Knecht Ruprecht," Carl Heidinger; duet, "Softly the Night Wind is Sighing," Edna Rentchier and Lorah Tufts; recitation, "The Crisis," Laverna Rauschkolb; German recitation, "Das Fremden Kindes Heiliger Christ," Roland Romeiser; essay, "National Music," Lizzie Smith; recitation, The Bells, Edna Ludwig; a narrative, "Alexander the Great," Olive Whitside; declamation, "Othelba Address to the Senate, "Idaa Con; Cornal Constantion, "Das Wehnschiefest," Emma Flessa; an original poem, "Christmas," F. Grace C. Spener, Debate—"Resolved, That electricity is destined to become a greater factor in the world than steam;" affirmative, Elmer Needles and May Nagie; negative, Amy Baetimer and Robert Hanney, Song, "Marselles Hymn," by the school, The Gazette—Editora, Cornella Knoebel and Sophia Jung; contributora, Levi Miller, Oscar Goalby John Stookey, Frieda Rauch and George Heinrich, Song, "Christmas of Olde," by the school.

Court Sentences Boys. Joseph Menken, 11 years old, and Bisch-of Nash, 18 years old, both of East St. Louis, were yesterday morning sentenced Louis, were yesterday morning sentenced to the State Reformatory and county jall, respectively. by County Judge John B. Hay of Belleville. Menken was charged with stealing a purse and a watch from a boy while atterding a performance at the Broadway Theater in East St. Louis. Nash used a scda-water bottle in an attempt to strike a young man with whom he had an argument, and smashed a plateglass window in an East St. Louis saloom. He was sentenced to serve ninety days in the county jall.

Belleville Marriage Licenses. day were to: C. H. Zerban, 25, St. Clair Township, and Ella R. Grob, 21, Belleville; Wm. Stein, 21, Darmstadt, and Emelia Petri, 20, Venedy Station; Fred W. Posz, 25, Belleville; Alvin Koch, 11, Belleville; Alvin Koch, 11, Belleville; Alvin Koch, 11, Belleville; Gus Johnson, 31, St. Clair Township, and Neile; Simmons, 14, St. Clair Township; Arthur Deski, 24, Mascoutah, and Mary Frederich, 19, Mascoutah; Victor M. Thrail 26, Farins, Ill., and Carrie F. Jones, 26, O'Fallon, Ill.

East Side Realty Transfers. Real estate transfers filed for record in Bells St. 000.

George Schroeder to Bertha Schroeder, warranty deed, lot 44 and southeast five feet lot
43. Lovingston addition, No. 1.
Wiggins Ferry Company to Charles Kimball,
Recorder's deed, release in full, \$17.014, \$25-1,000
of an acre in Second Ferry Division.

Charles Kimball to Chicago, Peoria and St.

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Belleville News Notes.

-Roland Romeiser a son of P. M. Romeiser, and a student at the Belleville High School, has raised \$50 on a subscription list which it is intended to be used to purchase a new plano for the High School. —Mayor Fred J. Kern of Belleville yesterday issued an order in which he stated that information had reached him that gambling had been started in several places in the city, and that he would not permit it and it must be stopped immediately. -Miss Martha Burghardt will spend Christ-mas with friends at Rentchler Station.

—Mrs. Lena Weissenberger (nes Hollinger), died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. C. begole, yesterday morning, aged 73 years. She leaves two sons and six daughters. BICYCLE THIEVES ARRESTED.

Would Change the Parts of Wheels and Then Sell Them. After searching for more than six nonths for traces of bicycles which mysteriously disappeared from the homes of well-known citizens, the police of East Well-known citizens, the police of East
St. Louis have at last captured the robbers. Special Officers Gill and Lane last
night arrested Tony and John Konopka
and Oille Wanda, all boys under 15 years
of age.

In the basement of the Konopka home
were found sixteen bicycles. At the police
station the boys confessed to the robberies.

beries.

After stealing the blcycles they would change the wheels from one blcycle to another, in order to make identification difficult, and would then sell the wheels. Eight of the stolen blcycles were identified last night.

M. McCree of Chester, Ill., lost \$35 in a saloon near the Relay Station, East St. Louis, yestermy. McCree was on his way to Greene County, and was waiting for a train. He stepped into a saloon and shook the dice box with several strangers, who were also vaiting for trains. One of the men asked McCree to let him have his money to "fool a man with." He did not return.

East St. Louis Items.

closed to-day.

-The employes of the First National Bank were given a Christmas present yesterday equivalent to 2½ per cent of their salary.

-The East St. Louis branch of the Letter Carriers' Association will give a dress ball at Music Hall on New Years Eve. Alderman E. C. Hoffman Buried.

of Alton took place yesterday afternoon dore Oberhellmann, pastor of the German Evangelical Church, officiated, and the burial was in the Alton City Cemetery. The death of Mr. Hoffman occurred on Monday evening, after a lingering liness with typhoid fever. He was an Alderman from the Fifth Ward in the Alton City Council, and was serving the second term in that capacity. East Eighth street. The Reverend Theo-

Alton Notes and Personals.

-William White has returned to St. Louis fter visiting friends in North Alton.

-H. M. Carr of Alton has reti -Fielding Randall returned to Chicago yes erday after visiting friends in Alton. -Mr. and Mrs. William Halton of Alton de-arted yesterday for Muncle, Ind. -Alderman S. F. Conno. -J. W. Gaddis of Vinter in Alton.

Peoria and St. elected Alex Campbell, president; E. A. Hall, ranty deed, 525-vice president; C. A. Rowan, financial secre-Louis Rallway Company, warranty deed, 525-1,000 of an acre in Second Ferry Division, Et. 48.65. M. A. Carl, by administrator, to Willis F. William Evans, trustee.

INCREASE IN DIVIDENDS. Total Payments, However, Are Less Than July Disbursements.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL New York, Dec. 24.-Holders of securities that pay dividends and interest will receive \$2,000,000 more during the coming January than they received in the same period of the present year. The total payments will amount to \$134.

July disbursements of \$136,000,000, the record so far in this country. The payments are divided in this way: DIVIDENDS On railroad stocks, \$23,250,000. Industrials, \$28,400,000.

000,000, which is less, however, than the

New York tractions, \$1,850,000. Bank and trust companies, \$5,650,000. Total, \$59,150,000. INTEREST PAYMENTS. On railroad bends, \$59,000,000. Industrials, \$8,000,000. New York tractions, \$1,800,000.

New York tractions, \$1,800,000.

Government, \$4,300,000.

Greater New York City, \$1,600,000.

Total, \$74,700,000.

Grand total, \$133,850,000.

The decrease in the total from July is due almost entirely to the suspension of dividends by the industrial companies and the cutting of the dividend on the common stock of the United States Steel Corporation, which alone made a decrease of \$2,500,000. The Cotton Markets.

The Cotton Markets.

New York, Dec. 24.—Spot cotton closed quiet.
19 points higher; middling uplands 11.70c; middling Gulf 12.56c; sales 1.800 bales. Futures closed irregular; Dec. 11.23c; Jan. 11.37c; Feb. 12.46c; March 11.56c; April 11.51c; May 11.70c; June 12.71c; July 12.75c; Aug. 11.39c. The market opened firm at a decline of 3 points to an advance of 12 points, and, following the call, ruled firm for a time, selling up a net gain of 12600 points in aggressive New Orleans buying and covering by parties who sold on the late break of the previous day. The advance was encouraged by cables that were a shade better than expected and the outlook for smaller receipts in connection with unfavorable weather, but during the early morning very semational reports were being circulated regarding the outlook in the far East, and soon after reaching the point alluded to there was partial reaction under realisting, with some of the room again taking the short side for a turn. As prices slipped back, however, the local buil leader began buying aggressively, and between his taking and those of New Orleans the market was aged by this and prices for the third successions to the case yested and the self-preved to nearly last night's finals. In the last haif hour prices had been depressed to nearly last night's finals. In the last ten minutes, however, the local buil leader began to the last haif hour prices had been depressed to nearly last night's finals. In the last ten minutes, however, the market was railled sharply by a renewal of buil support and covering by shorts. The closs was irregular and unsettled, but net 7 to 15 points higher. Shes were estimated at 1,000,000 bales.

New Orleans, La. Dec. 24.—Cotton futures steady: Dec. 11.45c bid; Jaff. 11.45g13.46c; Feb. 11.65g13.6c; March 11.85c; good ordinary 11%c; sow middling 137-16c; middling 137-16c; middling 137-16c; middling 137-16c; middling 137-16c; middling 137-16c; for middling 137-16c; for middling 137-16c; finals for period of pairs.

County Clerk J. C. McGrath of Jersey-ville yesterday issued a marriage licenso to Isaac N. Patton, 20, and Miss Ila M. Cory, 20 years old, both of Otter Creek Township. They were later married at Otterville by the Reverend Aaron Dodson.

THE WEATHER.

Official Forecast Announced for To-Day and To-Morrow.

colder in extreme east and south portions. Baturday fair.

East Texas—Fair in west; rain in east portion Friday, followed by clearing; colder. Saturday fair; fresh to brisk north winds.

Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Generally fair Friday and Saturday.

Nebraska—Cloudy Friday; probably mow and
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Local Report.

Bt. Louis, Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998.

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Weather at 7 a. m., sprinkling; at 7 p. m., elear. Maximum temperature, 44; minimum emperature, 40. Stage of river at 7 a. m., 25.

EDWARD H. BOWIE.

Local Forecast Official. Government Report.

NW 40 42 Pt cloudy
W 40 40 Pt cloudy
W 33,40 Pt cloudy
W 45 40 Pt cloudy
NE 44 77 Clear
NE 44 77 Clear
NE 45 40 Rain
SW 15 50 Clear
SW 15 50

BUENOS AYRES, ARGENTINA—The Government has submitted a bill to the Chamber of Deputies abolishing the 5-per-cent additional customs duty, from Janu-ary I. The Budget Committee of the House favors the measure.

EDWARD H. BOWIE Local Forecast Of lets

-The Philharmonic Society will give a con-

The funeral of Alderman E. C. Hoffman

-Thomas Milier of North Alton depa erday for Glasgow, Mo.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Forecast: Illinois—Fair and colder Friday; cloudy at night or Saturday in north; fair in south portion; fresh west to northwest winds, becoming variable. Missouri-Fair and colder Friday. Saturday

Netraska—Cloudy Friday; probably mow and colder. Saturday fair. Vestern Texas—Fair Friday and Saturday. Iowa—Partly cloudy Friday; probably snow in northwest portion and by night in central and east portions; colder in west and south portions. Saturday fair.

Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau,
—Meteorological observations received at St.
Louis, December 24, 1902, at 5:35 p. m. local
time and 8 p. m. seventy-fifth meridian timeObservations made at the same moment of time
at all stations.

Dir. Tp. Mr. Rain Weather.

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